

Report of Operative G T Purdy

Oct 29th, 1926.

Re: Shots heard the night of Sept. 14th, 1922 in the vicinity of the Phillips farm house.

Mrs. Anna Hoag, 523 Prospect St., East Orange, N.J.

Operative interviewed Mrs. Hoag before her husband came home from work. She states that on the night of Sept. 14th, 1922 she was sitting on the porch of her house which is about 400 or 500 feet from the Phillips Farm and at about 9:30 or 10 P.M. she heard shots. First she heard three and then one and they were very sharp. She did not hear any screams or voices. She did hear a number of automobiles in De Russey's Lane and on Eastern Ave. Her husband was in the back yard putting the chickens up for the night and when he got through and came to the front porch she asked him if he had heard the shots and he replied that he had.

She does not remember what time they retired that night, but it must have been near 11 P.M. She states that it was unusual to hear shots around there at this time of the year, before the hunting season opened. She states that her brother, John Lathrop, was sleeping at her house that night and the day the bodies were found he went over to where they were and looked them over.

Respectfully submitted:

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